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MEMORANDUM

To: William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director
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Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

From: Elizabeth B. Peay
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Date: October 27, 2008

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Exempt Action Final Regulation 18 VAC 41-11 – Public Participation Guidelines

I have reviewed the Exempt Action Final Regulation issued by the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. In my view, as counsel to the Board, the Board may promulgate these regulations, pursuant to § 54.1-201 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect. In addition, these regulatory changes are exempt from the requirements of Virginia's Administrative Process Act (APA), Code of Virginia §2.2-4006 A.4.a because this regulatory change is necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law where no agency discretion is involved.

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